

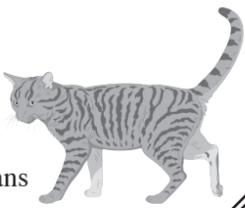
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Burger Crest hosting Clothes Encounters benefit

By Mary Weimer
 Following the recent fire at Clothes Encounters, Word of Hope Church members decided to rebuild. However, times and rules have changed, and much of the cost for a new building is not covered by their insurance.

So Burger Crest is hosting a benefit night on Tuesday, September 27. From 4 to 7 p.m., a portion of their sales will be donated to give Clothes Encounters a boost in rebuilding.

Clothes Encounters has benefited many in our community through accepting donations and making those items available to others at a reasonable cost. So you are invited to contribute to their rebuilding program by enjoying a great meal at Burger Crest and helping our community at the same time.

Mark your social calendar and join your friends and neighbors at Burger Crest on September 27 from 4 to 7 p.m.

VFW Auxiliary 3734 dishing up breakfast

By Florence Smith, auxiliary president
 The auxiliary will once again be serving their country style breakfasts. The menu includes pancakes; eggs cooked to your order; sausage; bacon; potatoes; toast; and coffee, tea, juice or milk. This is an all-you-can-eat meal for just \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages five to 10. Children under five eat for free. The dates are Sunday, October 2 and Sunday, November 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fruitport Polar Bear VFW Post 3734 at 5201 Airline Road.

VFW Post 3734 annual contests announced

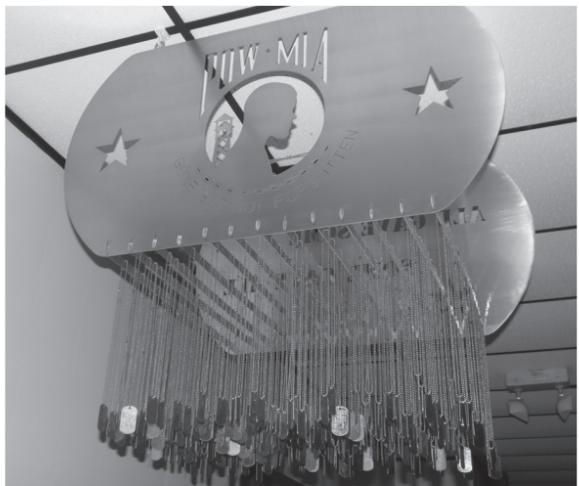
by Florence Smith, Auxiliary President
 The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3734 and ladies auxiliary are sponsoring the annual Voice of Democracy audio scriptwriting contest and the Patriot's Pen youth essay contest. Students are encouraged to express their patriotism while competing for awards.

The Voice of Democracy contest is open to all students in grades nine through 12. This year, the theme is "Is there pride in serving in our military?" This a three- to five-minute essay to be recorded on a cassette or C.D.

The Patriot's Pen essay contest is open to all students in grades six through eight. The theme is "Are you proud of your country?" This is to be a 300- to 400-word typewritten essay.

The deadline to submit entries is November 1, 2011.

For more information, please call Florence Smith at (231) 737-7281.



The VFW Post 3195 on Grand Haven Road is proud and honored to display the names of Michigan soldiers who have given their lives serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. For a donation of \$10, family members and friends can get a duplicate dog tag of a fallen service member. (Photo by Marilee Beck.)



VFW Post 3195 on Grand Haven Road had the honor of hosting the moving wall of Vietnam veterans July 14-16. Listed are the names of 2661 fallen Michigan soldiers. (Photo by Marilee Beck.)



Phelps - Jennings wedding

Amanda Sue Phelps, daughter of Sherwood (Woody) and Linda Nickisch of Fruitport; and Richard Eugene Jennings II, son of Richard and Kathy Jennings of Muskegon, exchanged wedding vows on July 23, 2011 at his parents' home with the reception following.

Pastor Tom Case performed the ceremony. Lindsey Nickisch, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor; and Jordan Sparks, friend of the groom, was the best man.

Bridesmaids were Monica Phelps, sister-in-law and friend of the bride, and Jessica Whitlow, friend of the bride. Groomsmen were Steve Phelps, brother of the bride, and Eric Jennings, brother of the groom. Tina Morrison and son, Eric Morrison were the Master and Mistress of Ceremonies.

The bride graduated from Fruitport and works at JW & Co. as a licensed cosmetologist, and the groom graduated from Oakridge and works at Non-Ferrous Cast Alloys.

The couple went to The Shack for their honeymoon and will reside in Muskegon.

Southern Gospel music concert scheduled

By Julie Turpin
 The Brown Family from LeMars, Iowa will be at Northside Bible Church in a return visit for a fall Southern Gospel concert on Saturday evening, October 15 at 7 p.m.

Since their last visit, their daughter Jessica and her husband, Nick Trammell, have joined the musical group. The Browns have traveled throughout the United States, sharing the gospel. They have received the prestigious honor of "Top 10 Mixed Group of the Year" by the *Singing News Magazine* fans. They have several CDs which will be available for purchase the night of the concert.

The Browns have performed over 30 shows at the Americana Theatre in Branson, Missouri; on Dollywood Theme Park stages; and on over seven Royal Caribbean and Carnival cruise ships. This award-winning family will inspire you with their close-knit family harmony and talent. The Browns love what they do, love each other, and love the audiences to whom they sing.

Northside Bible Church has been hosting Southern Gospel concerts for over 20 years, and continue to fill the church with each concert. We are located at 1937 North Whitehall Road, just north of Tractor Supply Company, in North Muskegon.

No tickets are needed for this concert, however, a freewill offering will be taken. Following the offering and a brief refreshment time, winners of the evening's drawings will be announced. The fellowship is always a bonus.

For directions or more information, please call (231) 777-1588 or (231) 329-1477.

Lakeshore Museum Center tours open

(Submitted by the Lakeshore Museum Center)
 The Lakeshore Museum Center, 430 W. Clay in Muskegon is open through October on Wednesday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

Tour the locally famous Hackley and Hume Historic Site homes, the Fire Barn Museum and historic Scolnik House of the Depression era.

While visiting the fire barn this year, you will be transported back in time to the 1880s and will learn what it was like to live in a fire barn. You can listen to a recording of what life may have been like for a fireman coming back from a fire, view a replica 1880s fireman's uniform, and flip through a copy of the 1887 *Manual of the Fire Department of the City of Muskegon*. A looping slideshow of historic Muskegon firefighting photos is also featured.

Admission to the Fire Barn Museum is free. Admission to the Hackley/Hume Historic Site is \$3.00 per person for anyone over 12 years of age. For more information, see the website, lakeshoremuseum.org.